

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the final Office Action mailed June 12, 2008.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elenbaas et al.

The Applicants hereby cancel claims 2 and 4.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-3 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated allowability if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2, and amended claim 3 to depend from claim 1.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 3.

Applicants submit that no fees are required for entry of this Amendment After Final. If any fees are deemed necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

Respectfully submitted,

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